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SUBJECT: IRISH PRIME MINISTER VISIT TO THE US

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1. WE NOTE FROM VERY USEFUL REFTEL THAT PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE CONDEMNATION OF FUND-RAISING IN US FOR PARA-MILITARIES IN NORTH THE PRIME THEME OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING US VISIT. WE AGREE WITH HIS OPINION THAT OVER-EMPHASIS OF THIS TOPIC COULD PROVOKE UNHELPFUL REACTION FROM CERTAIN SECTOR OF IRISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REGARD THE VISIT AS A UNIQUE OCCASION TO TRY TO GET THE ANTI-FUND-RAISING MESSAGE ACROSS TO CONCERNED BUT UNCOMMITTED IRISH-AMERICANS, THE CONGRESS, THE MEDIA AND TO PUBLIC OPINION IN GENERAL.

2. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY PASS ON OUR THOUGHTS TO THE GOI, MAKING CLEAR THAT WE SHARE THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESERVATION ABOUT PUTTING TOO MUCH STRESS ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHERS. WE BELIEVE, HOW-

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EVER, THAT HE CAN BE VERY CONVINCING ON FUND-RAISING

(CERTAINLY MORE SO THAN UK SPOKESMEN) AND CAN DO THIS  
EFFECTIVELY IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT DO NOT NEGLECT OTHER  
ASPECTS OF IRISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. GIVEN THE CURRENT

EFFORTS OF THE IRISH CAUCUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE  
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO TRY TO EQUATE THE MINUTEMEN  
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WITH TODAY'S IRA GUNMEN (POR-  
TRAYING BOTH AS FIGHTERS AGAINST "BRITISH OPPRESSION"),  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS COULD PROVIDE A TIMELY  
AND USEFUL CORRECTIVE. INGERSOLL

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